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TAGS: EIND, MT, CH

SUBJ: DRYDOCKS: CHINESE CONTRACT

REF: VALLETTA 1980

1. PM MINTOFF MADE STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT OCT. 9 REGARDING SEPT. 30 AGREEMENT WITH PRC FOR CONSTRUCTION TWO TUGBOATS AND FIVE BARGES AT MALTA DRYDOCKS (MDD) (SEE REFTEL). CONTRACT WORTH ABOUT ONE MILLION MALTA POUNDS (ONE MALTA POUND EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 2.82 DOLLARS) AND WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY END 1974. DESPITE REPORTS BARGES AND TUGBOATS TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRC CONSTRUCTION 300,000 TON DWT DRYDOCK FOR MDD, MINTOFF SAID IN REPLY TO QUESTION BY OPPOSITION DEPUTY LEADER TABONE, THIS CONTRACT INDEPENDENT OF 17 MILLION POUNDS

STERLING LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MALTA AND CHINA.

2. MINTOFF SAID CHINESE CONTRACT WAS ANOTHER RESULT MALTA LABOR PARTY GOVERNMENT EFFORTS "CHANGE DOCKYARD FROM A BANKRUPT AND DISORGANIZED ENTERPRISE INTO THE ISLAND'S LEADING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRY.

3. COMMENT: MDD CLAIMED IN PRESS RELEASE LAST WEEK TO BE
BUSIEST YARD IN MEDITERRANEAN. IT SAID FOR FIRST TIME IN
YARD'S HISTORY RECORD NUMBER TWENTY SHIPS CURRENTLY UNDER-
GOING REPAIRS INCLUDING CARGO CARRIERS, TANKERS, AND CONTAINER
SHIPS REGISTERED IN U.K., ITALY, DENMARK, TURKEY, CHINA, USSR,
LIBYA, GREECE AND LIBERIA.
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